GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF COOKING GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that in certain parts of the country there is acute shortage of cooking gas, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to over this situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) : At present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors. However, OMCs have reported a backlog of one to seven days in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Kerala and Tamil Nadu due to natural calamities, strike by Kerala Petroleum and Gas Workers Union and delay in arrival of bulk LPG.Government has advised OMCs to liquidate the backlog in these States by operating the bottling plants on holidays and by extended hours of working.